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Minerals Inspection Report

Report Date: 4/29/2015

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Mine Name: The Alton	Permit Number: S/025/0031	Mine Status: Not Approved
Operator Name: Dennis MacDonald	Inspection Date: 4/28/2015	Permit Fees: Delinquent
Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler	Inspection Time: 3:30 pm	Bond Amount: \$1,000
Attendee(s):	Weather: clear	Bond Escalation: 01/01/2015
Inspection Purpose: Check Status of Mine		Prior Inspection: 9/23/2014

Conclusions and Recommendations

The operator needs to remit the \$150 annual permit fee, and provide adequate surety (an additional \$13,500) for the current disturbance. There is to be no mining activity, except reclamation work, until permit fee is paid and adequate surety is provided.

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated & Commented	Enforcement
1. <i>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operator has not received final approval. The annual permit fee of \$150 (due January 31) has not been paid for this year. A payment plan was developed to meet surety requirements for two acres of disturbance. The operator has not made scheduled payments. The size of the operation has significantly increased from last year. There is about 1 acre at the crushing station, and 2 acres at the active pit. Last year, the operator was told not to expand until the full surety amount was in place (he was at the 2-acre limit at that time). The surety amount needed for the 3 acres of disturbance was calculated to be \$14,500, of which the Division currently has only \$1,000. CO #MC-2015-17-03 is being issued due to the expansion of the disturbed area, the lack of adequate surety, and delinquent permit fees.		
2. <i>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public has unrestricted access to this site (not fenced, gated, or signed). Although at the time there is not highwalls or other typical hazards associated with mining operations. At a minimum the operator should consider posting signs warning the public of the mining activity and to restrict access to authorized personnel only.		
3. <i>Protection of Drainages/Erosion Control</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. <i>Deleterious Material</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <i>Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. <i>Reclamation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. <i>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. <i>Soils</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. <i>Revegetation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. <i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Inspector's Signature: *[Signature]*

CC: Dennis MacDonald, Operator
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